

Buttonwood Pond MSBU

Planting Demonstration Site Update – July 14, 2015

Greetings Liaisons!

The initial torpedo grass removal (within the demonstration site) was completed yesterday; our biologists did an outstanding job hand-pulling it! The root of this exotic grass is very extensive around your pond and it will take many treatments over time to get ahead of this massive root system. Now that the demonstration area has been hand-pulled, one more herbicide treatment will take place targeting the remaining roots. Shortly thereafter, new aquatic plants will be installed to act as a demonstration site. We will send you the planting date once we obtain it from our vendor.

We hope to have more of the torpedo grass under control for the 1st restoration event originally planned for the Fall; however, this may not realistically happen until Spring. We will keep you posted on this progression.

PS- FYI: A resident had stopped one of the Lake Management Program staff and was wondering when her torpedo grass was going to be physically removed- she wasn't happy with the condition of the pond. It was explained what the MSBU financially supports (that hand removal of treated vegetation is not part of the scope within the MSBU) and that such work is a part of the homeowner's stewardship. It was further explained the restoration events we are trying to schedule would be a good thing in which to participate (volunteer her lot as a location) and this work could be done over time.

Thanks,

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